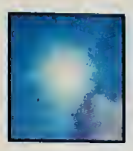

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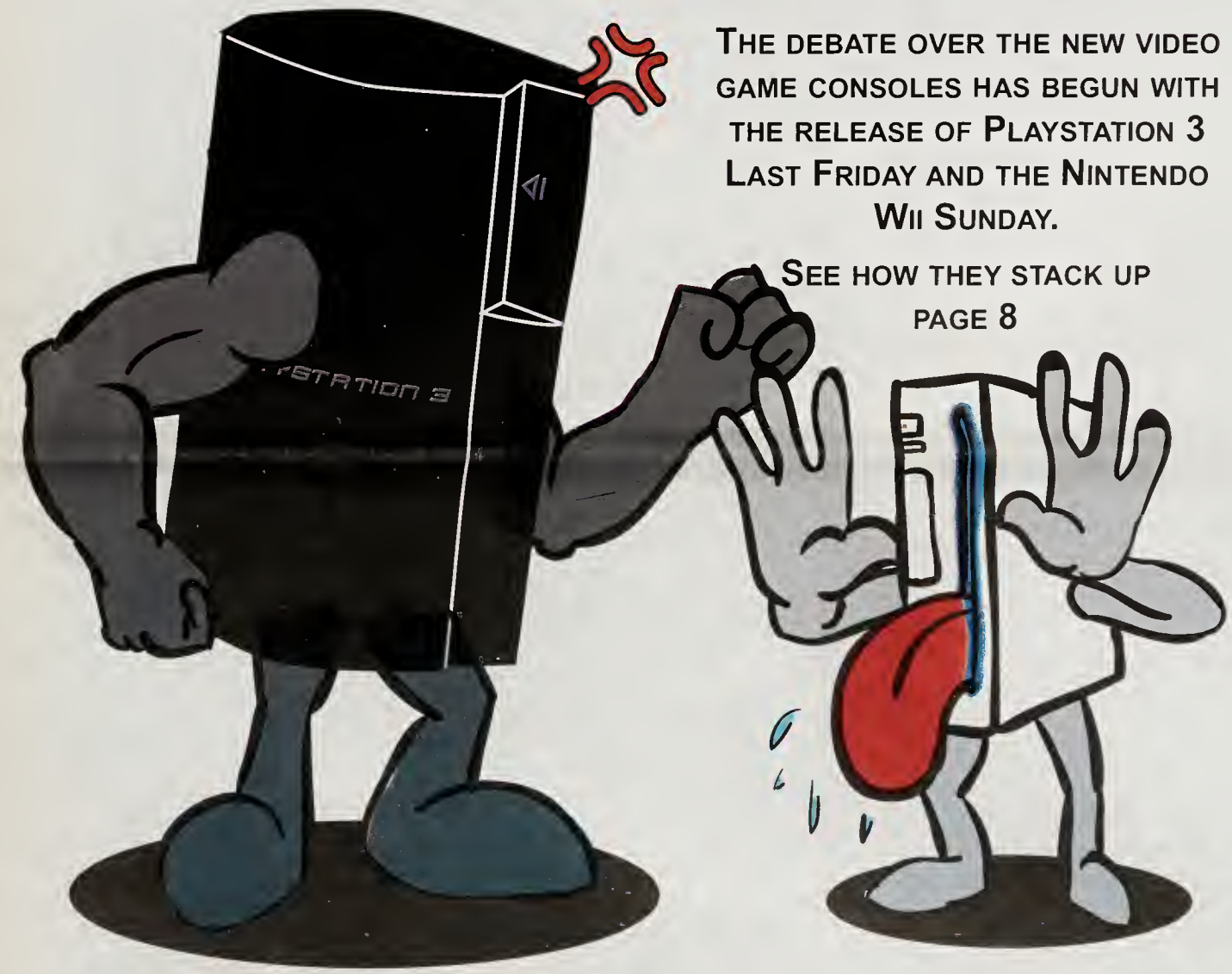

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Fundraiser to aid wife of philosophy professor

DAVID P. FUNK
Editor in Chief

Susan Zinaich, wife of Associate Professor of Philosophy Sam Zinaich, was diagnosed with melanoma earlier this year. The cancer spread to her lymphatic system, making surgery necessary and forcing Susan to lose many of the lymph nodes in one leg.

She has been receiving chemotherapy and is expected to continue treatment for another 11 months.

Books to donate?
Drop them off in CLO 217

Want to help?
Purchase books or make a donation in the CLO and SUL concourses Nov. 29 and 30

The department of English and philosophy will be holding a book sale Nov. 29 and 30 to help the Zinaichs pay for Susan's treatment.

The sale will be in the concourses of both the CLO and SUL buildings. Book donations will be accepted to the department's office in CLO 217 through Nov. 27.

A bowling fundraiser will also be held Jan. 28 at 4 p.m. at Stardust Bowl in Hammond.

"We don't have a set dollar amount we are trying to raise," said Liz Rodriguez, English and philosophy department secretary. "We are trying to raise as much as we can to help with medical bills and lost wages."

The Zinaichs have been an integral part of the PUC English and philosophy department for eight years. They have hosted monthly potluck dinners and philosophical discussions which sometimes include a live band.

Up to 40 guests including students, faculty from PUC as well as other universities and interested members of the community attend these meetings.

Fight for the right to write the fight song

To enter your song:

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Purdue Alumni Association Calumet
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Hammond, IN 46323

By E-mail:
PAAC@calumet.purdue.edu

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7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday-Friday

For more information:
Letica Toma at
989-2308

NICOLE ELISCHER
Staff Writer

Students, faculty and alumni have a chance to be a part of campus history by creating a fight song for PUC. The winner will receive $500 from the Purdue Alumni Association.

"I think university fight songs exemplify school spirit, unity and pride," said Leticia Toma, director of Alumni Relations.

"With Purdue Calumet celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year, the timing is right to build new traditions and excitement on campus," said Toma. "The contest is a fun way for those who know PUC best to creatively express what the university means to them."

Three finalists will be selected by a panel of students, administrators and alumni based on criteria such as school spirit, power and musical quality. The finalists will be introduced at homecoming Jan. 27 where students and faculty will vote for the winner.

Rob Jensen, assistant vice chancellor of health, recreation and sports, said the contest will allow students to be creative and make a contribution to PUC which will last for many years

"A school song can be used at many university events and activities," said Jensen. "Hopefully the song will highlight Purdue Calumet and the Calumet region."

Contestants in the fight song contest must be a student, alumni or faculty member of PUC.

All songs must be of original content, contain no profanity, be no more than two minutes long and contain the words "Peregrine," "Purdue" and "Calumet."

Song entries must include a copy of lyrics and a recording of the song on a compact disc, cassette tape or MP3, along with a one-page letter including the name of the composer and song title, their connection to PUC and their home address. The letter must also contain a phone number and e-mail address.

All entries are due by Jan. 5, and will become the property of PUC. Contestants choosing to enter as a group may divide the prize.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Campus addresses transportation needs of students

Purdue Calumet has two new transportation options for students looking for a ride or looking to share a ride with fellow students.

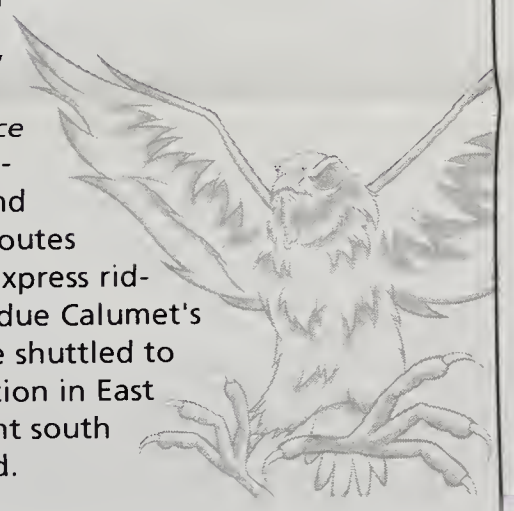
PUC RideShare

First, PUC RideShare is now up and running! Taking a page from the old "post a ride" bulletin boards, PUC RideShare is simply an electronic bulletin board that allows students to post a request for a ride or an offer to extend a ride to other PUC students.

Interested students can visit

www.calumet.purdue.edu/rideshare/ and follow the simple instructions for posting a ride request. Only students with a PUC student email account can post requests. Also, all students are encouraged to periodically check the site to see if there might be a potential opportunity to share a ride with another student.

The Peregrine Express



Likewise, introduced early this fall, The Peregrine *Express is a free bus service* that expands access for students looking to get around northwest Indiana. With routes running daily, Peregrine Express riders can now get from Purdue Calumet's Hammond campus and be shuttled to the South Shore train station in East Chicago, as well as straight south on Indianapolis Boulevard.

All along the route, the Peregrine Express makes stops at key points of interest for students, including movie theatres, grocery stores, a bookstore, and even the Mansard Apartments where many PUC students are now living.

The Peregrine Express route and schedule can be found on the PUC web site at www.calumet.purdue.edu/stuserv/express-schedule.pdf

The bus stop on the PUC Hammond campus is located on the southeast side of the Student Union & Library, at the circular drive.

"We are most interested in offering options for students looking to get around," said Mindy Dalgarn, vice chancellor of student services. "The Peregrine Express and PUC RideShare are two options that may help students save a little money, too. The key to making these two transportation options work, however, is student participation. We can only gauge the success of these programs by how many people use them. Our greatest hope is that both of them become valuable resources to PUC students during their years here."

What's Goin' On?

A look around...

Orientation Leaders Wanted

For students who want to meet new people and get involved, student orientation leader positions are available.

For an application and information, go to www.calumet.purdue.edu/newstudent or contact New Student Orientation at 989-4160.

The New Student Orientation office is located in SUL 104B (next to the game room).

Chancellor's Reading Circle

The reading circle is on Jan 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Kuiper House located one block from campus.

Professor Richard Rupp will facilitate a discussion of the book "King Leopold's Ghost: A story of Greed, Terror, and Heroism in Colonial Africa."

Interested students may contact Student Activities at 989-2369 or in SUL 104B (next to the game room) to register. Books are free and refreshments are provided.

Student Activities campus wide penny war

There will be a campus wide penny war Nov. 1 through the 21. Funds will be donated to PUC's United Way campaign.

The group with the most pennies in their canister at the end of the war wins a pizza party. Quarters, nickels and dimes take away from the total amount of pennies so place silver into opposing student organizations canisters.

For more information contact Student Activities at 989-2369 or e-mail studentlife@calumet.purdue.edu

Book Sale Benefits Cancer Victim

Associate Professor of Philosophy Sam Zinaich has been with PUC since 1993. His wife, Susan was diagnosed with cancer.

In an effort to help defray some of the substantial costs and loss of work associated, there will be a book sale on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 29 and 30, in the SUL concourse and the CLO concourse.

Books will be collected through Monday, Nov. 27, though contributions may be made immediately.

Books will be collected in the English/philosophy department office, CLO-217 and assistance can be provided in transporting books, if needed.

For more information contact John Rowan at 989-2654 or by e-mail at jrowan@calumet.purdue.edu

Madden Tournament

The PUC Baseball Team will be sponsoring a Madden video game tournament. The event will be held on Dec 2 from 10 to 4 p.m. The entry fee is $20. Winners will receive cash prizes of $100, $50 and $20. The Tournament will be played with 'Madden 07' for PlayStation 2.

For more information call Darren Zancan at 382-7335 or go to www.life.calumet.purdue.edu.

Softball call-out

The women's softball team will be holding a call-out in the Rec Center gym on Dec. 4 from 8 to 10 p.m.

For more information call Amanda LeVin at 718-9521 or Lacy Holevis at 776-3088.

U.S. Air Force Table

The U.S. Air Force will have an information table on the SUL concourse on Wed. Nov. 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be informal employment recruiting.

For more information contact Lorraine Fiordelisi at fiordelisi@calumet.purdue.edu.

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CareerTrax offers resume helper

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An open informational meeting was held Wednesday for students and potential employers on campus to learn more about what the CareerTrax program has to offer.

CareerTrax, formerly known as PCSlots, is an online job search interface available to all students and alumni. The program includes job listings and resume-viewing.

The meeting was presented by Student Services Web Communications Specialist Chris Kosovich and Career and Leadership Development Secretary Debbie Blades.

Students can access the CareerTrax program at www.pucjobs.com, where users complete a personal profile and are encouraged to upload a resume.

Since the CareerTrax program has been on campus, there are 2,252 students in the database system, according to Blades. Prior to this spring, there were 800 resumes.

If staffers feel a resume needs work, the student will be notified by email to attend one of the resume and career building sessions to strengthen their resume.

Kosovich said he hopes to get more jobs for students this semester.

"This is a good service that puts students with a job opportunity," said management staff member Sherry Green. "Students need to see what is available out there in their field of study and update their profile, having the opportunity to be seen by many potential employers."

This program has been implemented to help students make reasonable career choices and offers career coaching and mock interviewing sessions.

For help with the CareerTrax system, visit the center for student development and outreach office in SUL 349

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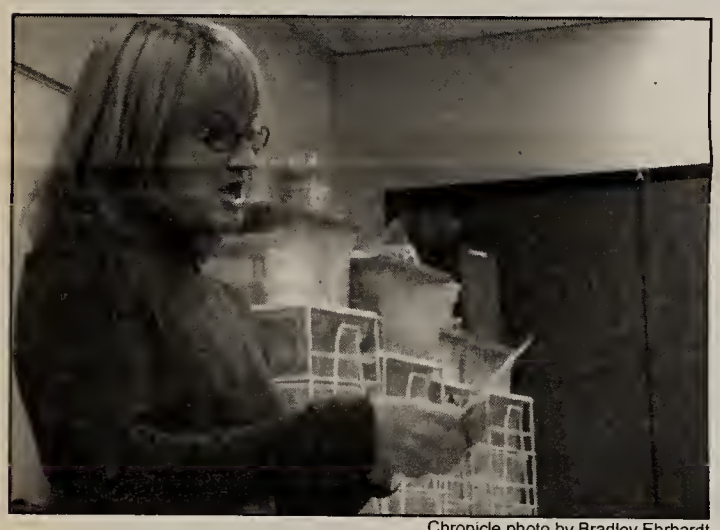
Chris Kosovich (left) spoke to students, faculty and staff about the CareerTrax program Wednesday.

School of education holds poetry workshop



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Heather Augustyn ran a poetry workshop allowed the teachers to become the students last Thursday.

BRANDON THOMAS
News Editor

Members of the school of education read aloud poetry without knowing what they were writing about.

"It would have been weird if I wasn't sharing it with someone I was close to," said elementary education junior Lauren Goodson, after sharing her poem with a friend.

Author of the children's book 'Chi-town Coyote' Heather Augustyn spoke to faculty and students, from the school of education, to encourage the teachings of literacy in early education.

Augustyn is also a Times of Northwest Indiana Correspondent Reporter.

She discussed the simplicity of writing a children's book and gave a workshop about introducing poetry into the elementary classroom.

"We want to take something back and try it in the classroom," said Sue Torres, president of Beta Gamma. "Heather's book fits in nicely."

Beta Gamma is a national organization which supports literacy.

Augustyn said it took approximately two years to complete the book based on a coyote trapped on an iceberg in Chicago.

Each participant was given the first line to a poem and instructed to write out the remainder, during the workshop which followed. The poems were then critiqued by others.

"This activity takes you out of your comfort zone," said Augustyn. "You can engage the student by becoming one."

Some participants shared their poetry and the audience gave supporting feedback about their writing.

"It is a nice balance of talking and learning from each other," said Kathy Schingendorf, Beta Gamma chapter advisor. "Teachers love to collaborate."

Faculty to teach abroad

CAITLIN RYDER
Chronicle Correspondent

A workshop was held for faculty members interested in a researching abroad program in Taiwan Thursday.

The workshop discussed a new joint research program between Taiwan and PUC. The PUC and Purdue main campus faculty, whose applications are accepted will be contacted by Jan. 31. They will then attend a symposium on May 23-25 in Taiwan to further explain their grant proposals.

"I am quite excited about the prospects of this university. We are slowly joining the global village."

Yahya Kamalipour, director of center for global studies

George Hong, associate vice chancellor for research and professional development, believes this research project is making history.

Over the next three years, Hong said he hopes to incorporate three more countries into research abroad programs - Poland, Romania and South Africa.

The workshop centered on applying for grants and proposals for Taiwan.

Guest speaker Yong Chen, coordinator of the program and professor of computer science, introduced Tatung University and the Chinese Cultural University in Taiwan, where faculty members will have the opportunity to teach.

Yahya Kamalipour, director of the center for global studies, spoke about the importance of recognizing the movement of globalization and helping it spread. He believes the research abroad program will help have a positive impact on the world, students and PUC.

"I am quite excited about the prospects of this university," said Kamalipour. "We are slowly joining the global village."

Thomas Berndt, the associate dean of the college of liberal arts at the Purdue main campus, discussed how establishing research collaborations can help make the grant-making process move smoother by working with other faculty members. Berndt feels this program will add diversity along with new perspectives.

Robotics competition held

DON LAIL
Chronicle Correspondent

David Ober, member of Special Interests Group Graphics and PUC student participated this Sunday in the Lego-League Competition hosted by Special Interest Group on Graphics and the METS department.

He was one of many judges for the competition and his focus was on analyzing the teamwork and spirit of the groups representing 28 different schools in the area.

The theme of the competition this year was nanotechnology and elementary school participants were asked to complete a research project involving creative implementation of nanotechnology as well as creating a lego robot to maneuver through a standard obstacle course.

The obstacle course involved moving objects, climbing and using various devices like an elevator and buttons.

One of the difficulties in the course is maintaining communication between the one or two operators; the four to six team members; as well as the coaches, parents and family.

"The pressure put on the youngsters during competition is immense but everyone pulled through this year and it has made for a great event," said Ober.

The competition was open to all children of younger ages and was aimed specifically at the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders; though 6th and 7th graders have also participated.

The Lego-League Competition represents SIGGRAPH's efforts in the Community Outreach Program. It has been held annually on campus forseveral years.

Aside from the competition, participants, their coaches and families enjoyed pizza, singing, dancing and a day full of fun together.

The Lincoln Robotics team of Hammond said they particularly liked the robotics section of the competition as well as the face-painting involved in their team uniforms.

"It's a great opportunity to get involved with the community and show people what we're about," said Ober.

PUC chronicled by history professor

ERIC TANIS
Chronicle Correspondent

This year marks PUC's 60th anniversary and the ongoing celebration of its history moved to the library on Nov. 16, in a presentation entitled 'Benchmarks in PUC History.'

Professor Emeritus of History Lance Trusty recounted the history of PUC from its beginning and how it transformed from a series of federally underwritten technical classes to the active community campus it has become.

Drawing from a colorful tapestry of bureaucratic squabbling, limited finances and competitive infighting, Trusty recounted ten significant moments in PUC's development.

He highlighted the foresight and contributions of those who furthered the university's development. Many of the names he mentioned were familiar ones, such as Andrey Potter, Millard Gyte and Charles Lawshe.

The university received its start during the effort of World War II as a series of practical and technical classes underwritten and taught by the Federal Office of Education, in various buildings in and around Northwest Indiana.

Purdue University gradually assumed control of the federally funded classes and used the fledgling PUC as a feeder campus for West Lafayette. The initial 40 acres of the Woodmar campus were purchased in 1950 using $110,000 in local and privately raised funds, despite West Lafayette's fears of competition.

Professor Trusty cited the university's investment in computers during the 1960's as particularly important.

"It was the first thing we decided we wanted to do that we didn't absolutely have to do," said Trusty.

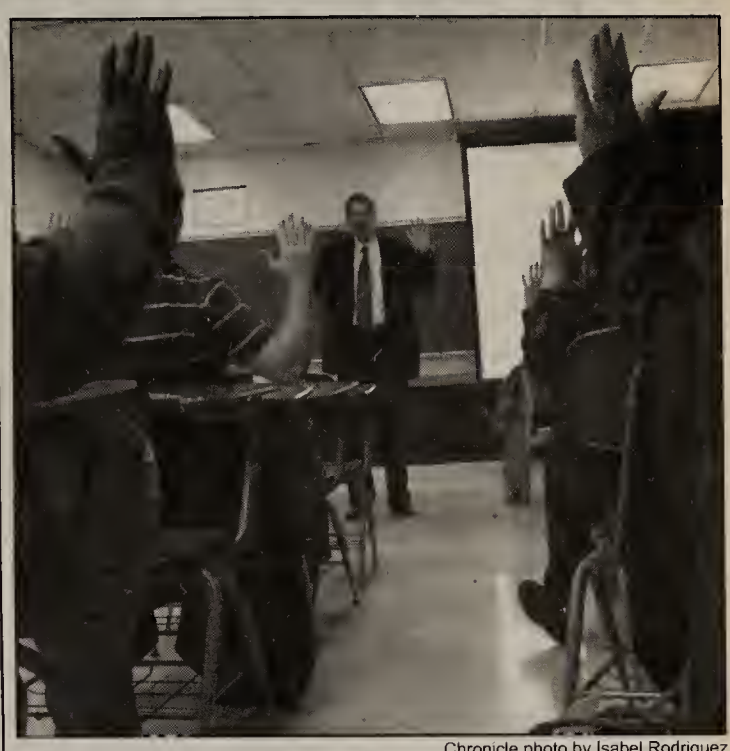
He recalled the financial resources necessary for purchasing computers, specifically the IBM 1620, purchased in 1963 at a cost of $500,000. Machine after machine was bought, each quickly passing into obsolescence, yet a firm commitment to the program remained.

Control of the library was a move towards autonomy and PUC reaped financial rewards thanks to a more careful fiscal oversight of the library budget.

Although Professor Trusty left the final benchmark to be determined, he advocated the removal of PUC's regional campus designation which he termed the residual hangover from this long history. He dismissed the regional designation as derogatory and stated the need for a true autonomy of both a budgetary and academic nature.

"PUC could become a major university on the Little Calumet.," said Trusty.

Brorby speaks to PUC



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Candidate for the Director of User Services for CTIS Michael Brorby gave a presentation to PUC Friday called "Promoting and Incorporating instruction into technology at PUC."

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Electronic Communications

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Eight Memorable Tips

1. **eep it to one screen or less** When email readers see words running off the bottom of the screen, they tend to start scanning rather than reading. Edit yourself ruthlessly and cut out every extra word.
2. **Write in bullet points** Online usability tests have shown that when people read messages off a computer screen, they find it easier to read and retain the information if it is broken into bulleted points, rather than long, dense paragraphs.
3. **Give the meat of the message in the sub ect line**—The subject line needs to grab people and tell them exactly what the email is about. A good formula for subject lines: *subject + active verb + object.* "Meeting rescheduled" is a bad subject line; "Feb. marketing meeting rescheduled to Feb. 17" is a good one.
4. **f you re sending emails from a wireless device, let people know** If you use a Blackberry, make sure you include a tagline telling people. This will help explain the short nature of your message.
5. **Spell-check your emails** Yes, it takes an additional five seconds. But if you want to burt your credibility, send an email to 50 people with six misspelled words in it.
6. **ncourage uestions via email** Don't use it as a one way medium. The true strength of email is its interactive nature. When you send an email to colleagues, make sure they know its okay to send questions or concerns back to you. And then make time to answer them.
7. **Save your smiley faces and other emoticons for personal emails** Yes, one of those little smiley faces can help explain that you are being funny. Save your humor for a phone call or face-to-face meeting. It may not translate electronically.
8. **emember: ou re not the only one sending emails** Your colleagues are likely suffering from email overload. They are getting all kinds of messages from co-workers, friends, family, and junk-mailers. Do your best to email only when you need to, so you don't add to the in-box clutter.

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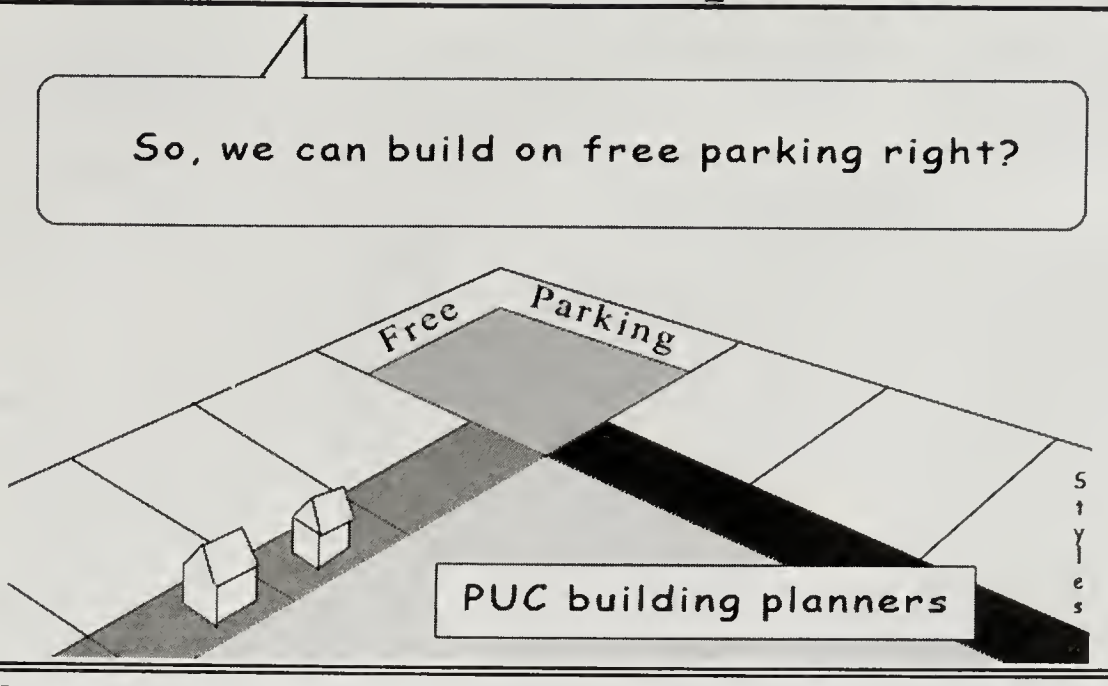


Life lessons learned the hard way

BY ISABEL RODRIGUEZ
Entertainment Editor

I must say I've certainly learned a few things after spraining my ankle on Halloween.

No, I wasn't drunk or saving someone from an accident.

I tripped rushing to a meeting at The Chronicle, landing me a week and a half on uncomfortable crutches.

After countless hours on the couch watching movies and gaining a total of four pounds, I faced life in the outside world for the first time in days one Monday morning.

Going out felt incredibly relieving, but I knew little of what was in store.

I'd always wanted to try crutches (yeah, I know- an idiotic wish come true). So I grabbed my crutches and hopped to the top of the front stairs of my house. I looked down and realized the challenge of simply walking outside.

And so my nightmare began.

I made my way onto campus with purse and backpack in hand. It started out relatively easily until a crowd of rushing students tip-toed behind me, trying to get past me as I slowly wobbled on my crutches. It took me 15 minutes that morning to get to class- compared to my usual six.

Tragedy struck when I left class and headed toward the elevator, where I hollered for those in the elevator to hold. I was only greeted with the doors shutting in my face, but not before I got a glimpse of those in there - one woman with a purse in hand and one guy with a backpack who both looked too physically healthy to be using the elevator.

There I stood, handicapped and tired with sore underarms from the crutches.

I traveled from Anderson to SUL that morning. I paused continuously to rest my tired arms and working leg, which was supporting my entire 150 pound body weight.

I couldn't help but stare at those passing by as I held back my tears of frustration.

"Look at those people, with their damn healthy legs," I thought to myself.

That day I saw the ugly side of people's manners. Few people offered to open doors for me and the elevators stayed filled with students and faculty members capable of using stairs. Not having passers - by help only added to my stress of traveling.

But the next day proved better. I was able to acquaint myself with some PUC "angels" who assisted me by opening doors and helping me to my seat in class.

Lesson to be learned- let your good manners be known. Stay off the elevators if you can take the stairs. Be nice enough to open up the doors for fellow student, especially those with physical disabilities. You never know - one day, God forbid, it can be you on those crutches.

Students need cheap meal options

BY ELIZABETH WILKINSON
Managing Editor

I'm going to assume that many college students are hurting for cash as badly as I am.

I don't like to generalize, but I know that none of my friends are swimming in cash. Furthermore, we spend a lot of money to be here- college doesn't come cheap for anyone.

Why, then, is the food here so expensive? I am probably on campus as much or more then many of the residents of The University Village. I eat here between four to six days a week, sometimes up to three meals a day. The food isn't great but it's not horrible, either. Many cafeterias are much worse. But the food here is just so pricey.

A meal of mostacholi with side dishes is over $5. That is outrageous. There is a reason mostacholi is served at many functions- it's cheap to make. A bowl of soup, small salad and drink are around $5. Buying meals at these prices can really add up fast.

The thing that sets me over the edge is the fact that some cut up vegetables and a small cup of ranch dressing is over $2.50. It's a small cup and it is just way too much to ask for students to pay. For students earning minimum wage on a part time job, that's nearly equivalent to 30 minutes pay. Imagine working a not-so-great job, on your feet all day, probably dealing with food and angry customers for 30 minutes. All you get for your effort is some chopped up carrots, celery, cauliflower and broccoli. And if you want a full meal, that's an entire hours worth of work.

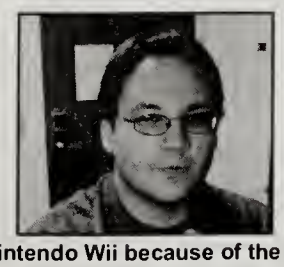
People say that if you don't like the cost of the food to head to Wendy's or Taco Bell and eat for cheap. I'd rather eat healthy and for all it's worth, the establishments on campus do serve a great deal of healthy food. It's better then fast food, anyway.

I'm also lucky to have enough time to swing by the cafeteria for a quick meal, let alone have time to drive across town (losing my parking spot in the process) to get Taco Bell.

The food should be reasonably priced on a college campus. There is certainly enough money floating around the university to give us a break on a necessity of life - eating.

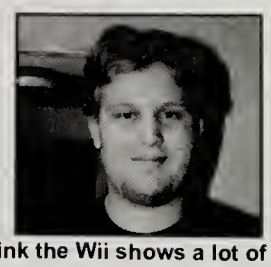
Students speak out about game consoles...

Which game system (Nintendo Wii or Playstation 3) do you prefer and why?



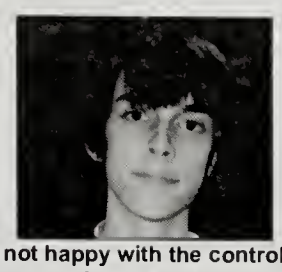
"Nintendo Wii because of the interface of the controller and the level of interaction."

Adam Shimkus, computer networking, senior



"I think the Wii shows a lot of promise but I prefer PC."

Tom Hancock, computer science, junior



"I'm not happy with the controller, but I still prefer the Plastation 3 because it has better games."

Scott Biggs, mechanical engineering, freshman

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PUC parking problems to get worse?

How many times have students come to the campus and not been able to find a parking space close to their classes? More than likely, every student would say too many. It seems like the problem is only going to get worse.

Plans were discussed recently about how to improve PUC as a residential campus and the idea of eliminating parking lots was tossed onto the table. Although an additional parking garage might be built in the future, the removal of these much-needed parking lots is an extremely unwelcome thought.

At last week's forum with the Sasaki group, a firm hired by the university to plan the university, a member of the group said the parking garage has solved all of PUC's parking problems.

"Parking lots are reservoirs for growth," said Ricardo Dumont. "With the edition of the parking garage, there are lots of spaces we don't need."

After talking with PUC students, it is apparent the current parking situation is unfavorable.

"It doesn't matter which parking lot I go to," said Mallary Williams, a sophomore in nursing. "If I get here early enough parking isn't so bad, but by ten in the morning searching for a space can be frustrating."

As the day progresses, especially on a Tuesday or Thursday, the hunt for a parking spot within the desirable vicinity becomes less and less possible.

Many students do not use the parking garage because it's far from their classrooms. Granted, the parking garage is great for classes that take place in Porter, unfortunately the majority of classes do not convene in that building. And for the ones in CLO, Anderson or Lawshe, the garage is far less than desirable.

The uncertainty of weather plays an important role also. Because the parking garage is a long distance from all buildings other than Porter, it seems illogical to park there and then walk through rain, snow or anything else that nature has to offer. After all, it's much easier and less time consuming just to use one of the other lots.

As college students, we should be worrying about homework and exams, not whether we will be able to find a good parking spot or get stuck struggling through a downpour on our way to class.

The idea of eliminating parking lots is not an option the student body will embrace.

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Hot gadgets for the holiday season

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Staff Writer

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Electronics are hot items to give and to get this holiday season. From portable music players, to global positioning devices and a low-maintenance pony, there are plenty of ideas for presents.

Zune digital media player

The newest media player on the block was released on Nov. 14. According to zune.net, it holds up to 13 to 14 hours of music depending upon whether or not you have the wireless feature off or on. And it can be used as a radio and plays FM stations. It also holds four hours of pictures and video and comes in brown, black and white. The 30GB media player, which can be used either horizontally or vertically, retails at $249.99.

iPod

Apple recently retooled their best-selling product, the iPod. While your "old" and "outdated" iPod may still work perfectly fine, iPod enthusiasts will use this as an excuse to get a new one.

Apple has come out with new upgrades of their extremely popular iPod. If you thought that the original iPod shuffle was small, wait until you see the newest version.

The upgraded iPod shuffle, costing $79, is so small you can clip it to whatever you please, according to apple.com/ipodshuffle.

The shuffle comes in the 1GB format, plays 240 songs and lets you listen for up to 12 hours.

Apple also came out with new versions of the iPod Nano, available in magenta, turquoise, candy apple green, black and silver. The new Nano, equipped with a brighter screen display, will fit in any of the iPod accessories, according to Apple's Web site.

It also features a combination you can set to protect your iPod from others around you, as well as a stopwatch and games like Solitaire and a music quiz. This iPod come in the 2, 4 and 8 GB format and starts at $149.

And the largest iPod, cost starting at $349, will hold 20,000 songs, 25,000 pictures and 100 hours of video playback according to the Web site. This model is an 80GB model and you can purchase movies on the iTunes store along side the music offerings.

TomTom Portable GPS

For the person in your life who is perpetually lost and cannot read a map to save their life, the portable GPS systems from TomTom (tomtom.com) will provide them with directions to get them from point A to point B.

The models on the website range from $499.95 to $699.95.

Features on the models range anywhere from "door-to-door" directions on the TomTom ONE, to a hands-free calling feature using Bluetooth technology on the TomTom GO 700. And for those who have a motorcycle, TomTom also a GPS system for them.

FurReal Butterscotch Pony

The dream of owning a pony without having to clean up after it has finally been reached with the FurReal Butterscotch Pony.

According to a press release on hasbro.com, the pony actually moves its head, whinny, "eat" a carrot provided along with the pony and is aware of its surroundings. The FurReal Pony will cost $299.99.

Hopefully this gift list will help you in the search of finding a present for those on your lists.

And while some of them are out of range for the average college student, if used correctly, they should provide hours and hours of fun until the next big thing comes around next year.

Visit egadgets.com for more holiday gift ideas

Comedians create big laughs at UV Comedy Cafe

GREG RUCINSKI
Staff Writer

Laughter could be heard throughout the halls of The University Village third floor as two comedians, Brian Aldrige and Brian Hicks took the stage to help out the community.

Mandy Bruckner, resident assistant, organized the UV Comedy Café to help get non-perishable food items for the Community Outreach program.

"I knew Brian from high school and I just called him one day and asked if he would come here and perform to help get donations," Bruckner said.

Admission was just one non-perishable food item, and inside the third floor meeting room refreshments were served to those who came. Bruckner made virgin drinks and helped serve candy and popcorn to those looking for a good laugh.

Hicks, a Chicago south side native, took the stage first. According to Hicks' Web site, he spent the last three years writing and performing standup comedy at comedy clubs throughout the Midwest.

Hicks has shared the stage with comics such as Dee Ray, John Fox and Bob Nelson. Hick's humor displayed an almost subtle raunchiness and he frequently stopped his act to take jabs at the audience when a joke failed, pausing to dryly explain the joke and the punch line.

"This 10-year-old boy in Sacramento got suspended from a school in Sacramento for having a stripper mom. I wish I was in that class," said Hicks. "That would be one career day I wouldn't miss. I would ask for extra singles in my lunch that day."

Aldridge, born in the Chicago north side, grew up in Indiana. According to his website, he was rather shy growing up and used his sense of humor to break the ice and get attention from his peers.

Aldridge himself claimed to be overly fond of drinking in college and humorously warned the audience not to grow up to be like him. A charming and talented comic, Aldridge's humor alternated from very dry to hilariously offensive.

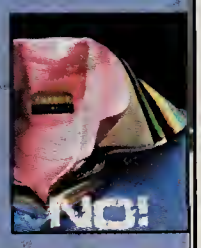
Not afraid to challenge his audience, Aldridge often went for the raunchy humor and succeeded.

"Don't feel bad for anyone with herpes," said Aldridge. "I saw on television, all you have to do is take a pill and you can go rock climbing and stuff."

For more laughs visit Aldridge's Web site at brianaldridge.com and Hicks site at funnybrian.com

Isabel's Fashion DON'T OF the Week

Although the winter season definitely brings on the cold weather, there's no reason to double up on the Polos. Stick with one rather than too.



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Ferrell, Hoffman deliver in "Stranger than Fiction"

JADE LEE CULBERSON
Senior Staff Writer

I discovered two things during "Stranger than Fiction" – Will Ferrell can do drama, and literary theory can be successfully discussed in a Hollywood film. Warm, sentimental, and absolutely captivating, "Stranger than Fiction" manages both comedy and drama without becoming hokey or (too) predictable.

Harold Crick (Ferrell) is a slightly obsessive-compulsive but an otherwise terribly mundane IRS auditor. However, Harold's routine is suddenly and completely disturbed one Wednesday as he begins to hear a woman's voice narrate his life "accurately, and with a better vocabulary."

That voice belongs to Kay Eiffel (Emma Thompson), an eccentric and somewhat disorganized author suffering from both writer's block and the new, unwanted, assistant, Penny (Queen Latifah) her publisher sent to her office to assure that Kay's new book is completed. Unfortunately for Harold, Harold has never heard of Kay and she believes Harold exists only in her story. Even worse for Harold, Eiffel intends to kill the character she's writing about.

In search of answers, Harold sees a therapist (Linda Hunt) who suggests he may be schizophrenic but eventually refers him to a literary expert.

It is only after Professor Jules Hilbert (Dustin Hoffman) finds out about a key phrase in the narration that he takes Harold seriously, at which point he recommends Harold figure out whether he is in a comedy or a tragedy in order to determine how likely he is to actually be killed.

This is further complicated, of course, by an eccentric baker named Ana (Maggie Gyllenhaal), who Harold is currently auditing.

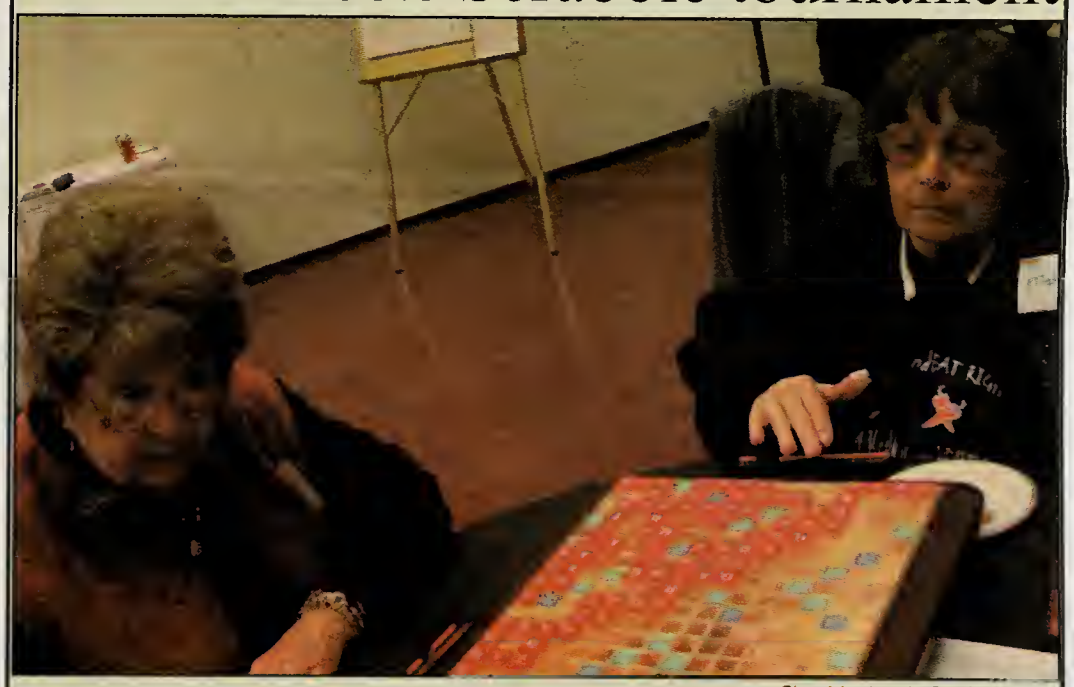
The acting in this film is fantastic. Ferrell and Gyllenhaal have remarkable chemistry, Hoffman shines in an unlikely role and Thompson plays Eiffel as such as brilliant train wreck that we often worry about her safety as much as Harold's.

"Stranger than Fiction" manages to avoid too much of the annoying overt "life is short, live it to the fullest" message by contemplating the situations in which Harold finds himself as well taking an interesting approach to the "predestined fate versus free-will" argument.

This film is rated PG-13 for some disturbing images, sexuality, brief language and nudity, but its contemplative nature will have appeal little to the younger crowd anyway.

Director Marc Forster's "Stranger than Fiction" is unexpectedly thoughtful and powerful, leaving audiences with something to talk about for hours over coffee or drinks, unlike most films this holiday season.

PUCAA hosts Scrabble tournament



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Purdue Alumni Association guest Peggy Hatch (left) and '91 graduate Mary Ramos play a vicious game of scrabble at the Center on Friday night.

Classified

Room for rent. Two PUC students looking for a roommate to share their four bedroom, 2.5 bath house, one mile from campus. Rent is $375/month plus utilities. Leave a message for Brad at (219) 689-9343.

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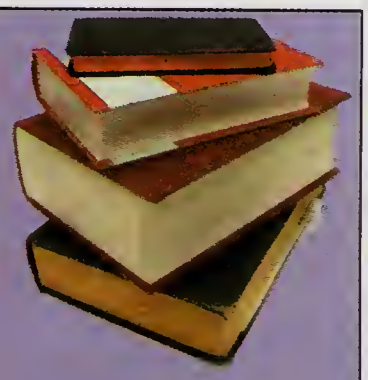

To raise money to help afford medical treatment for Susan Zinaich
Wed. November 29 & Thurs. November 30
Located in the SUL and CLO concourse

Decemberists visited Chicago in November

myspace.com

The Decemberists played an outstanding show this past Saturday at the Rivera Theatre, pleasing the crowd with their latest tracks from "The Crane Wife."

LINDA MERRICK
Production Manager

December came early this year with a warm musical front Saturday Nov.11 at the Riviera Theater.

The Decemberists put on a spectacular show.

They released a new album, "The Crane Wife" in mid-October, after three previous full length albums. This is a fantastic new CD and those who went to The Decemberists show Saturday will now know their stage performance is even more extravagant than the album.

The Decemberists opened with the song "Leslie Ann Levine" from their debut album "Castaways and Cutouts" and proceeded to play many songs from their new album, also playing tracks from all their other CDs.

The Decemberists were a definite crowd pleaser, between lead singer Colin Meloy's jokes and every member of the band playing an assortment of instruments throughout the course of the show.

The crowd favorite was probably Meloy stopping in the middle of songs to engage the entire theater into the show.

Meloy first stopped singing in the middle of "16 Military Wives" from the "Picaresque" CD, to split up the entire crowd on the bottom floor into two separate groups. He then had the two groups dueling with portions of the song, each side waving their fists at each other while singing.

Meloy, wearing a white blazer and black rimmed glasses, jumped around the stage while rocking out on his small, acoustic guitar.

Throughout Meloy's theatrics, the rest of the band members backed him up with instruments such as cellos, accordions, standup bases, violas, violins, organs, key boards, banjos and hurdy-gurdys.

What is a hurdy-gurdy, you ask?

The crowed wanted to know, too.

Meloy said the odd-looking stringed instrument was native of Gary. Chris Funk, who played the hurdy-gurdy, is originally from Northwest Indiana and was born and raised in Valparaiso.

The Decemberists ended their show with the song "Sons and Daughters" from their newest album and turned the venue into one big sing-along.

Meloy brought out the members from the opening band, Alasdair Roberts, and everyone else backstage saying, "I'm just going to keep waving at you until you come out here." Even the security guards were singing along to the song.

Although this was the "last song" the show wasn't over just yet. The Decemberists came back onstage for an encore and played a few more songs.

During the very last song they played, the accordion driven "A Cautionary Song," only three of the six members of the band were onstage. The other three roamed through the crowd and had the them form a circle while they all reenacted the final battle from the book "The Hobbit" by J.R. Tolkien.

By the end of this song, the reenactment and the show were over. It was one of the best concerts I've ever been to and I highly recommend everyone see this band perform next time they are in Chicago.

Check this out!

For music samples and more info go to:
www.dccemberists.com
http://www.myspace.com/theddccemberists

A hurdy-gurdy is a stringed musical instrument with several strings that they can be played simultaneously by a rotating wheel covered with rosin similar to the idea of a mechanical violin. It sounds similar to bagpipes.

Wii brings unique fun to gaming world

BRYAN REDEAGLE
Production Assistant

On Nov. 19 you may have found yourself, like many others, playing with your Wii. As odd as it may sound, Nintendo's next generation console could be onto something big.

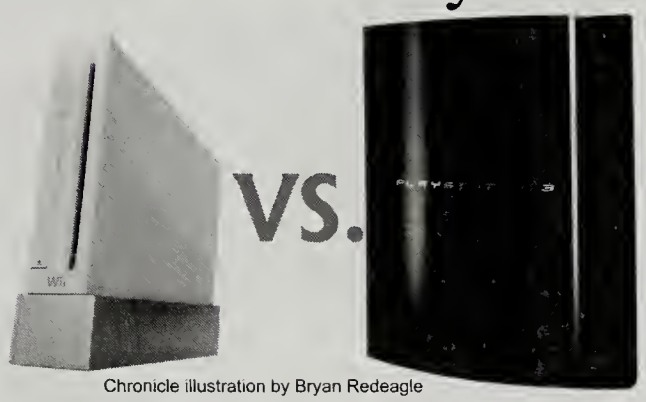
The Wii's philosophy is to make video games accessible to everyone. Whether you're 5 or 50 years old, the Wii will probably have a game for you to enjoy.

This is made possible by Nintendo's innovative new controller - the Wii remote. This new design allows for players to interact with games in a way more natural and easier to understand. Game pads with too many buttons have been video game consoles' biggest barrier to "mainstream" enjoyment for quite some time.

The Wii remote is unique in that the console can sense the location of the remote in relation to the TV. This means to play golf, you would hold the remote and swing it like a golf club. The same would be true for bowling, fishing or even sword fighting.

The remote also supports various extensions using a small port at the bottom. Out of the box, you get the Nunchuk extension, a device with a joystick, two trigger buttons and the same motion sensor as the remote. So with them hooked together you can enjoy a game of boxing.

The interface is also made for ease-of-use. In the past, console interfaces have not been too "user-friendly."



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To go along with the theme of the remote, the Wii features Wii Channel. The Wii Channel features various themed "channels" providing functions such as news, weather, internet and even picture viewing.

The Wii is also the most backwards compatible of any gaming system so far. It includes the ability play the current Gamecube games. It also includes the ability to buy, download and play games from the past systems such as the original NES and Super NES. This feature can be accessed through the Virtual Console in the Wii Channel.

The starting Wii package includes the system, all the wires needed to set it up, one Wii remote, a Nunchuk attachment and the game Wii Sports. According to Nintendo, its retail price will be $249.99. That's about $150 less than the Xbox 360, and about $350 less than the Playstation 3. Wii games will be around $50, and the Virtual Console games cost anywhere between $5 and $10.

PS3 brings Bluetooth, Blu-Ray and more

ISABEL RODRIQUEZ
Entertainment Editor

Late last Wednesday night avid videogame lovers pitched their tents, prepping them with blankets and pillows as they readied themselves for a two-day stay outside Target in Highland.

These people, like many others around the nation, camped outside retail stores in anticipation for the PlayStation 3- PlayStation's latest creation of "brilliant, high-definition entertainment experience."

With this system costing $499.99 (20 GB) and $599.99 (60 GB) and limited supplies shipped to retailers, people around the nation were in a frenzy-rushing for a place in line midnight Nov. 17.

It's no wonder many anxiously awaited its arrival. In the past, all Playstation systems sold out within minutes- all because of their great features.

The PlayStation 3 offers users the ability to play games with Blu-Ray Disc- Sony's new DVD format with five times more storage capacity than regular DVDs, according to playstation.com.

This system, like Ninetendo's Wii, possesses backwards capability.

Both configurations (at different prices) contain four UBS ports and Bluetooth. The 60 GB version (running at $599.99) has more expensive inputs; an SD, a bigger hard drive and Wi-Fi capabilities. The smaller version has only a 20 GB.

The most important feature Playstation 3 gives is its internet capabilites. System interoperability is also a great option on the system. Pictures, videos and music can easily be sent from the Playstation 3 to the Playstation Personal handheld device. This proves its mission of "always on" connectivity- including ability for downloading, internet, voice, text and video messaging.

The best thing about the internet browsing option is it's free. Wii charges for this option.

Unlike Wii, Playstation 3 delivers to users a new wireless SIXAXIS controller- allowing you to play freely along with the game of your choice.

Some of the wonderful features SIXAXIS offers include Bluetooth, analog joint sticks (altered to slightly broaden), a motion-sensing system and re-shaped L1/L2 keys for better playing with precision and increased travel.

Games include Call of Duty, NBA '07 and Resistance: Fall of Man, all cost $60.

Although the Playstation 3 runs over $200 more than Wii, it offers more in features.

Shed a Little Light on
Your Black Wednesday

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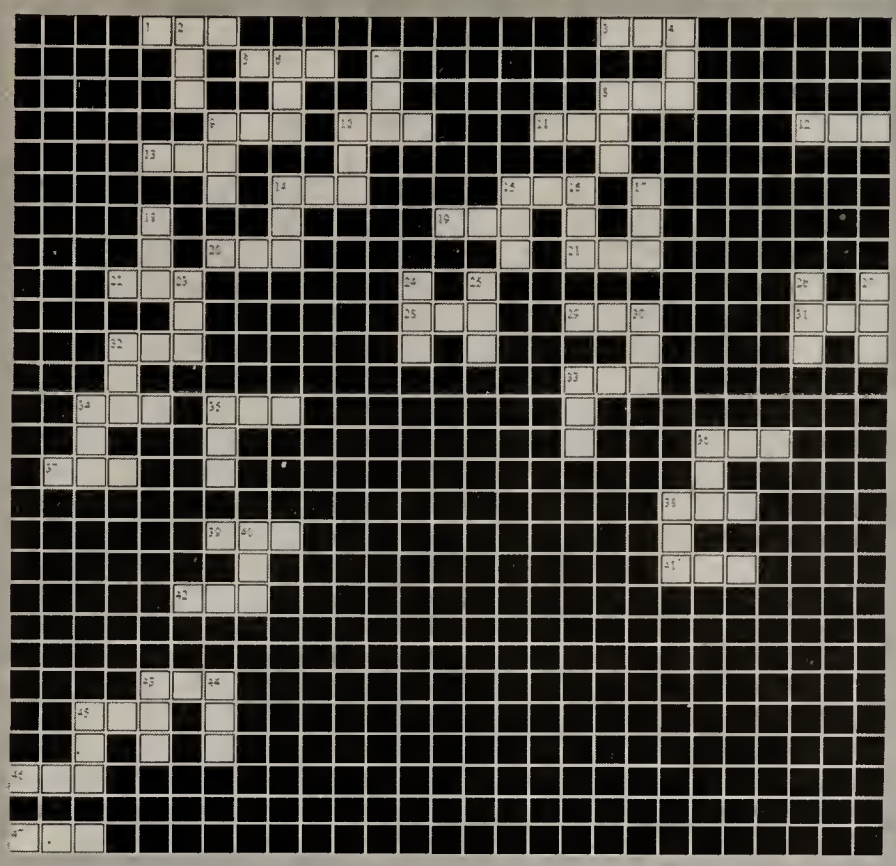

Chronicle Crossword
Three Letter Words

Across

1. Cooking utensil
3. Fish disease
5. A satchel
8. A container
9. Beer
10. Chicago White
11. A vehicle
12. A sphere
13. Insect egg
14. Awesome
15. To punch
19. Brain membrane
20. To rest on the buttocks
21. Dot in Morse code
22. Easter eggs
28. A type of poem
29. Chewing without teeth
31. A Japanese carp
32. Greek letter
33. To bite
34. Female chicken
35. Bacon comes from these
36. Preppy clothing sold here
37. Flower necklace given in Hawaii
38. A place to sleep
39. Very dirty
41. Voting no
42. Zig or
43. A lodge
45. A movie starring Tom Hanks
46. Beef
47. Portable bed

Down

2. Clumsy
4. I put a spell on you
6. A type of monkey
7. Where to see animals
8. Over the shoulder boulder holder
9. Everything you have
10. Grass
14. Stuck in a
15. Mandible
16. The beginning
17. Protrude
18. Small island
23. Period of time
24. A drunk
25. Very small
26. Genre of music
27. A dance
30. To clean the floor
32. A sheep
33. Born with the name of
34. Garden tool
35. Chicken or small
36. Booze
38. Electrically charged atom
40. of war
43. The conscious self
44. Opens something
45. At the end of a play the actors do this

The Chronicle Weekly Weather Forecast

Monday
November 20
Mostly Sunny
48°/29°

Tuesday
November 21
Mostly Sunny
50°/32°

Wednesday
November 22
Mostly Sunny
53°/37°

Thursday
November 23
Mostly Sunny
50°/39°

Friday
November 24
Mostly Sunny
55°/45°

Saturday
November 25
Sunny
47°/31°

Sunday
November 26
Partly Cloudy
40°/33°

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Sudoku

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Police Beat

10/26/06
5-11p.m.
Annex Areas
While the custodian was cleaning he found broken glass on the floor, upon further investigation it appeared X-197 had been broken into. The police officer responded and found that several areas had been broken into, several items came up missing. Incident is currently under investigation.

10/19/06
7:50 p.m.
University Village
Victim advised she relieved a threatening phone message.

10/30/06
4:45 p.m.
University Village
Subject advised officer that his digital camera was missing

10/31/06
7:40 a.m.
University Village
Officers responded to the UV after relieving a eall about an intoxicated subject who gained entry to a student's room and passed out. When approaehed by officers he became combative and was arrested for public intoxication and resisting law enforcement.

4:45 p.m.
Student Health Center
1:40 p.m.
An ambulance was called for a subjeet who showed signs of confusion and an altered mental status. He was transported to Munster Community Hospital.

2:10 p.m.
Parking Lot 10
Subject states he was attempting to make a left hand turn and got distracted and struck a pole. No injuries were reported.

8:55 p.m.
Parking Lot 13
Victim stated after he parked his car and went to class he came out and found a small amount o paint transfer on his car.

9:10 p.m.
Parking Lot 1
Subject advised he was backing out of a parking spaee and struck the vehicle next to them causing minor damage.

11/1/06
1 p.m.
Parking lot 9
Victim states he found a subject inside of his car taking items, subject advised victim he though it was his girlfriend's vehicle. All items were returned.

11/02/06
1:45 p.m.
Gyte Lab 201
Victim cut her thumb on a broken test tube. No additional medieal treatment was required.

2:10 p.m.
Powers Building
Victim passed out due to high blood sugar. Hammond Ambulance was called to transport subject to Saint Margaret Hospital for follow-up medical treatment.

5:25 p.m.
2200 169th Street
Information was given to the officer referenee to a strange and intimidating email they recieved.

Peregrines lose big 82-46

JEREMY HOMAN
Staff Writer

The Peregrines hosted undefeated Wesleyan University Wildcats last Saturday afternoon.

The Peregrines found out earlier in the week they would be playing without junior center Kevin Thomas and freshman guard Jay Harmas for four to six weeks due to injuries.

"This loss means a lot, with 'KT' being our only height inside really and Jay gives Marcus Ford some rest and can do a lot of good things," said senior forward Minuyard Wheeler. "But we have to move on without them."

Without the two players, the Peregrines looked to extend their winning streak to three games with the only game of the week against the Wildcats, who were shooting for their fifth straight win.

The game started off when the Wildcats hit a quick three pointer but the Peregrines answered right back with a three of their own from Wheeler.

The Wildcats scored once again and eventually opened up an 11-5 lead, with nine points coming from three pointers. The Wildcats did not look back the rest of the half, or for the rest of the game.

Wheeler was hot early on for PUC, scoring ten of their first twelve points. The Wildcats held the momentum and the lead though, as they hit shot after shot. After being down by as many as seven early in the half, the Peregrines rallied and pulled within two. That was as close as they got.

Wesleyan had an answer for almost every PUC basket, making sure the Percgrines could not gain any sort of momentum. The Wildcats opened the game up, ending the half with a 14 point lead, 41-27.

"We had a lot of trouble moving the ball around," said Wheeler.

At the start of the second half, the Wildcats picked up right where they had left off in the first. The Wildcat defense held the Peregrines scoreless for the first three minutes of the half, and in that time the Wildcats extended their 14 point lead to 20.

Wesleyan University never let up, opening the half on a 20-5 scoring run, to push their lead to 29.

Almost everything went right for the Wildcats. However, nothing seemed to go right for the Peregrines, as shots rimmed out and mental mistakes hurt PUC. The Peregrine defense continued to struggle, and the Wildcats buried them deeper. Frustration swept across the players faces as the Wildcats opened up the biggest lead of the night at 36.

The Wildcats outscored the Peregrines 41-19 in the second half. No miracle comeback could save the Peregrines; the night was all Wildcats.

The dreadful game for the Peregrines finally came to an end, with Wesleyan University taking the game with a score of 82-46.

"They hit a lot of easy lay-ups and shots," said Wheeler, who had a team high of 16 points. "It was just a bad game."

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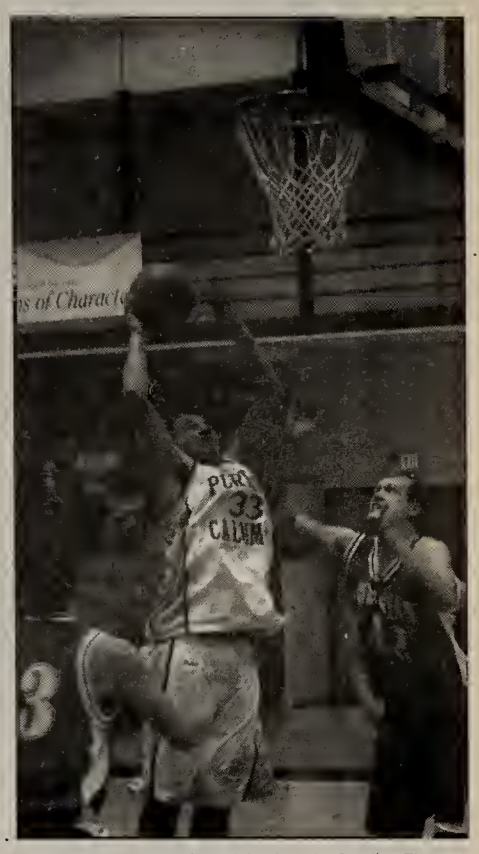

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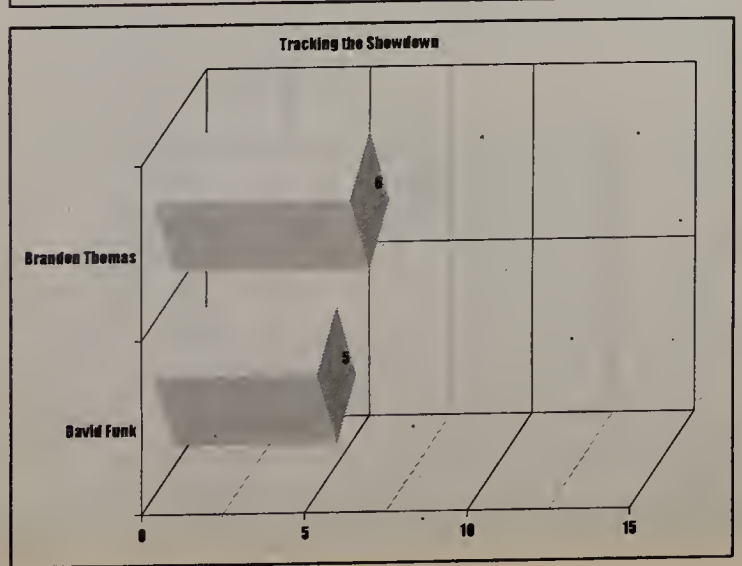
Peregrine forward Charles Cruz is defended by two Wildcats in PUC's 82-46 loss to Wesleyan.

Chronicle Fantasy Showdown

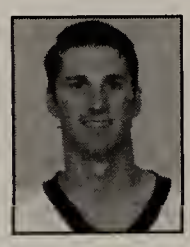
Showdown scoring

Passing Touchdowns= 6 Points	Field Goals 40-49 Yards= 4 Points
Interceptions= -2 Points	Field Goals 50+ Yards= 5 Points
Passing Yards per 50 Yards= 1 Point	Point After Attempt Made= 1 Points
Rushing Touchdowns= 6 Points	Allowing 0 points= 10 Points
Rushing Yards per 20 Yards= 1 Point	Allowing 1-6 points= 7 Points
Reception Touchdowns= 6 Points	Allowing 7-13 points= 4 Points
Reception Yards per 20 Yards= 1 Point	Allowing 14-20 points= 1 Point
Return Touchdowns= 6 Points	Points Allowed 21-27 points 0 Points
Offensive Fumble Return TD= -6 Points	Points Allowed 28-34 points -1 Points
2-Point Conversions= 2 Points	Points Allowed 35+ points= -4 Points
Fumbles Lost= -2 Points	Sack 1 Point
Field Goals 0-19 Yards= 3 Points	Interception= 2 Points
Field Goals 20-29 Yards= 3 Points	Fumble Recovery= 2 Points
Field Goals 30-39 Yards= 3 Points	Touchdown= 6 Points
	Safety= 2 Points
	Block Kick= 2 Points



Week 11 Kickers

NFL picks



Brandon Thomas' NFL Kicker of the week

Matt Stover, Baltimore Ravens vs. Pittsburgh Steelers

David P. Funk's NFL Kicker of the week

Nate Kaeding, San Diego Chargers vs. Oakland Raiders

NCAA picks

Brandon Thomas' NCAA Kicker of the week

Ryan Bailey, Texas vs. Texas A&M

David P. Funk's NCAA Kicker of the week

Arthur Carmody, Louisville @ Pittsburgh

Weekly intramural playoff recap

Chronicle photo by Nathan D. Gibson

Anthony Lanner passes Roger Razo to score for the Sharpshooters during the first playoff game last Tuesday.

JOE WIELOSINSKI
Chronicle Correspondent

Playoff fever continued in both intramural flag football and hockey this past week. Flag football advanced to the second round on Monday while floor hockey began playoff games Tuesday.

In the first game of flag football, the undefeated Sofa King beat the Fano's by a final score of 49-42. The teams went up and back, matching each other's scores. The action was very tense throughout the game, which resulted in the ejection of several players from both teams. This left Anthony Spinosa, a junior majoring in political science, to become Sofa King's quarterback. Spinosa led Sofa King during their final and winning touchdown drive.

"With it being the playoffs, our tensions were high," said Spinosa. "Even though the game was ugly, I'm happy for the finish."

In game two, the Kroons-N-Goons defeated the Bully by a final score of 42-35 in yet another close match-up. Eric Martinez, a junior majoring in finance, scored the final touchdown with only a minute left to play to insure a victory for the Kroons-N-Goons.

"I was just hoping to get in for the score," said Martinez. "We played hard and hopefully we'll get to the championship."

In floor hockey, the Bash Brothers took on the number one seeded Expansion Team, who was missing some of their players. The Bash Brothers looked to pull off an upset and their chances seemed alive after the first period as neither team scored. The Expansion Team, however, ran way with the game in the second half and won by a final score of 6-2.

"I'm happy with the win," said Matt Conneen, a freshman majoring in psychology. "Hopefully we'll have our whole team next week."

As the final game got under way, the Sharpshooters took an early lead and defeated Rolling Rock by a final score of 7-4. Anthony Langner, a senior majoring in biology, finished with six goals for the Sharpshooters.

"It's been a long season and it feels good to be back in the finals," said Langner.

Playoffs will continue next week for both football and hockey.

Monday at 8:30 p.m. in flag football, the Sofa King will play One & Done and the Untouchables will meet Kroons-N-Goons.

Tuesday at 8 p.m. in floor hockey, the Expansion Team and the Sharpshooters will play a best-of-three series to determine the champions.

Fall 2006 intramural 8-ball league standings

GROUP A

Player	W	L
Troy	3	0
Himanshu	3	0
Varum	2	1
Nikki	2	1
Shikhar	2	1
Abishek	1	2
Jamar	1	2
Zach	1	2
Josh	0	3
Alante	0	3
Rahul	0	3

GROUP B

Player	W	L
Richie	3	0
Jason	2	1
Rubin	2	1
Jim	2	1
Gabe	2	1
Jacob	2	1
Lynn	1	1
Patricia	1	2
Jean	1	2
Katie	1	2
Marquis	0	3

Ladies lose by 49

Chronicle photo by Jessica Cochran

Shannon Dugan (40) and Ashley Sampson (31) hit the floor after a loose ball against the Taylor University Trojans last Saturday. The Lady Trojans defeated the Lady Peregrines 97-48.

JESSICA COCHRAN
Sports Editor

The Lady Peregrines traveled over three hours to Taylor University last weekend in a match up against the Lady Trojans. The Lady Trojans had a full bench and were one player short of doubling the PUC roster in size.

The Lady Peregrines got the tip off and sophomore guard Ashley Sampson sunk an easy three. The Lady Trojans responded by penetrating the lane to hit a quick basket. PUC's defense was unable to hold the Lady Trojans and Taylor University got a quick lead.

Both teams were energized and had full momentum at the beginning of the game, but the Lady Trojans dominated the court with quiek passes to the inside, despite PUC's tough defense.

The Lady Peregrines had good ball movement but struggled against Taylor University's tough back court press, and turnovers hurt PUC throughout the game.

Taylor University played aggressively on both offense and defense and PUC got called on everything from traveling and double dribbling to pushing and throwing elbows.

"Let's have a little consistency," said Head Coach Dennis Smith to the refs.

With eight minutes left in the first half, the Lady Peregrines were down by 20.

Although frustrated and getting beat, PUC refused to quit. Dropping to the floor and scrapping for loose balls the Lady Peregrines tried everything in their power to close the gap on the scoreboard.

Junior guard/forward Krystal Rigoni pulled a foul with 27 seconds left on the clock and downed both from the line.

Going into halftime, Taylor University was leading by a score of 49-25.

"We knew they were going to be a tough team," said Coach Smith. "But these are the teams we need to play."

The solemn faced Lady Peregrines got the ball first at the start of the second half.

Although freshman forward Sara Keilman downed three, the Lady Trojans dominated the court early on. Two minutes into the half, the Lady Trojan lead extended to 28 and Taylor University held PUC scoreless for the next five minutes, pulling out a 66-28 advantage.

Playing good defense, the Lady Peregrines forced the opposition to shoot from the outside. However, this resulted in multiple three point baskets by Taylor University.

With eight minutes left to play, the Lady Trojans led by a whopping 50 points and the Taylor University bench stood with each attempted shot.

Senior center Jessica Hamman fouled out with six minutes remaining, while the score was 90-35.

PUC still played tough defense despite the situation, but was careful not to foul.

With only a minute remaining, the pace of the game finally started to slow. With the shot clock and the scoreboard clock running in sync, the Lady Trojans held the ball as the time ran out.

Taylor University took the game 97-48.

"It's pretty obvious where the difference in the game was," said Coach Smith. "They shot 61 percent, while we shot 29."

On a brighter not, the Lady Peregrines shot 84.2 percent from the line in free throws.

Muscles flexed during bench press challenge

JEREMY HOMAN
Staff Writer

Last week PUC students, faculty and staff showed off their muscles participating in the Bench Press Challenge VII in the REC center weight room. Though it may sound like a very competitive challenge, it was anything but.

"This is really about having fun," said Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik.

Each participant had to sign a waiver and weigh in before doing the challenge. Lifters were allowed to wear gloves or wraps to better their grip on the bar and the rules were simple. The lifter had to bring the bar down to their chest and wait for a clap by the judge. Then, in order to complete the press, they had to show control of the bar by locking their arms. The lifter was not to lift their body off the bench at any time.

According to Dudzik, there were between 15 and 20 lifters participating in the challenge.

"It's about bragging rights," said freshman James Perez.

The winners would be determined by their power rating, which is bench weight/scale weight.

The participants made lifting look easy as weights from 100 to 440 pounds were lifted with ease. The challenge proved to be fun and relaxed and during some lifts waiting participants showed their support and motivation by clapping and cheering the lifter on.

Although bench pressing is one of the best ways to build muscle mass in the chest and gain strength, it does have its dangers.

"You can risk ligament tear in the elbow and shoulder and surely hurt your chest with bad form," said Perez.

When the lifting was said and done, the lifts and weights were calculated and put into the rankings.

The top female lifter and first in the power rankings was Krista Hambrick, who lifted 145 pounds.

Dan Bukowski placed first in the rankings, although not lifting the most. Bukowski lifted almost twice his body weight, putting up 335 pounds. The top weight lifted was 440 pounds by Josh Turner, who ended up ranking fourth.

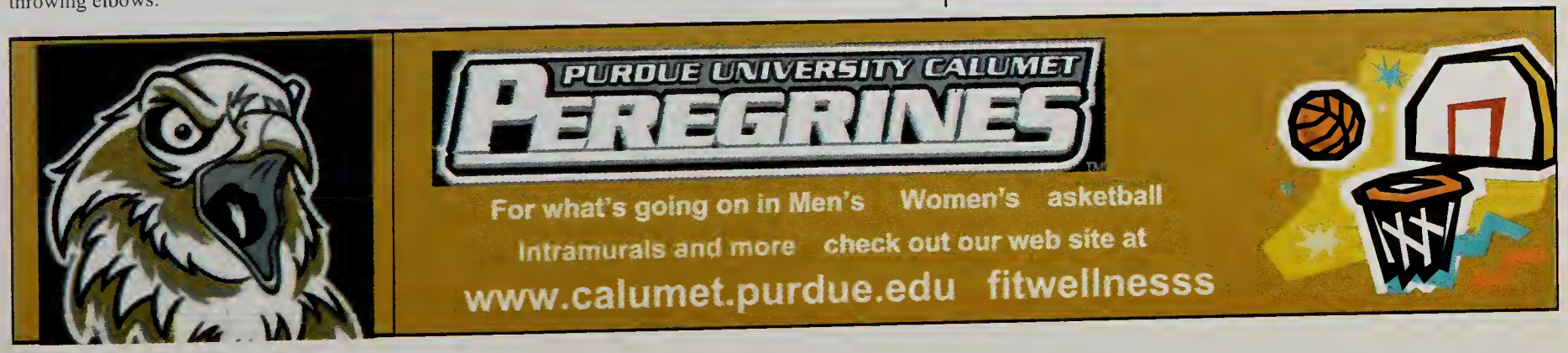
2006 Intramural Volleyball Standings

	Matches		Games		
North Division	**W**	**L**	**W**	**L**	**PTS.**
Bad News Bears	7	0	17	4	14
A Taint Away	6	1	16	5	12
This Won't Last Long	4	3	15	6	8
Pokemon	2	5	6	15	4
Bump, Set, Spike	1	6	3	18	2
PUC Spikers	0	7	5	16	0
South Division	**W**	**L**	**W**	**L**	**PTS.**
Bigger Dogs	6	1	18	3	12
Eagles	5	2	12	9	10
Hawaiian Punch	4	3	11	10	8
Get Ripped	3	4	9	12	6
Big Dogs Revenge II	2	6	7	14	4

This Week in Basketball

Women's Basketball
Cardinal Stritch Tournament
Saturday, Nov. 25
5 p.m.
Sunday Nov. 26
12 p.m.

Men's Basketball
IU Southeast
Saturday, Nov. 25
2 p.m.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